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**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Application Number	09/657,276
Filing Date	September 7, 2000
First Named Inventor	Dominique P. BRIDON et al.
Group Art Unit	1617
Examiner Name	L. Q. Wells
Attorney Docket No.	500862002300

This is a Request for continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (Aug. 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 previously filed on February 24, 2003  
*(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)*
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*
  - iii.  Other:
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply - to Final Office Action of 12/24/02, Paper 16 as filed 2/24/03 - 16 pgs
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) - 3 pgs; PTO-1449 - 1 pg (with 1 reference attached)
  - iv.  Other: REQUEST FOR TELEPHONIC INTERVIEW PRIOR TO EXAMINATION - 2 pgs

**2. Miscellaneous**

- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.1039c) for a period of \* months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)
- b.  Other:

**3. Fees** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 03-1952.
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) \$375.00
  - ii.  Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
  - iii.  Other:
- b.  Check in the amount of \$\* enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Dominique P. BRIDON et al.

Serial No.: 09/657,276

Filing Date: September 7, 2000

For: PROTECTION OF ENDOGENOUS  
THERAPEUTIC PEPTIDES FROM  
PEPTIDASE ACTIVITY THROUGH  
CONJUGATION TO BLOOD  
COMPONENTS

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE  
ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 24,  
2002, PAPER 16**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated December 24, 2002, Paper 16, for which a response is due on February 24, 2003 in order to provoke an advisory action. As such, this response is timely filed.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks.